

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Jefferson Davis County
Baptist Association



HELD WITH
Hathorn Baptist Church
Hathorn, Mississippi



September 25 to 27, 1925



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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 25th, 1925

The Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association met with Hathorn Baptist Church. After singing some songs of praise, Brother H. C. Mize conducted devotional exercises. Reading a few verses from the thirteenth (13th) Chapter of Matthew. Prayer was then offered by J. B. Quinn. Brother H. C. Mize gave a very helpful talk on the Scripture Lesson. Prayer was again offered by J. O. Buckley.

The Moderator then called the Association to order, ready for the transaction of business. The following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: H. C. Love, J. W. Stamps and S. V. Tolar.

Digest of Letters: J. P. Deer, J. O. Buckley and J. B. Quinn.

Nomination: Fred Dale, W. H. Izard and John Dampier.

Entertainment Committee: The Pastor and Deacons of Hathorn Church.

Letters from the churches were then called for, and the Clerk authorized to enroll the names of their messengers as follows:

Antioch—W. J. Barnes, Mrs. W. J. Barnes, P. M. Polk and E. R. Broom.

Bassfield—Bryan Reddoch, E. R. Sprights, Clyde Burkett, P. C. Carter and L. C. Burkett.

Bethany—J. O. Buckley, J. J. Chance, J. O. Fortenberry, Dale Stamps and W. H. Wooley.

Carson—D. W. Turnage, Mrs. D. W. Turnage, Webb Loftin and Claude Smith.

Dublin—Sam Loftin, Robert Jones, Mrs. R. G. Dyess, B. L. Dyess and Bossie Johnson.

Ebenezer—C. Q. Miller, R. E. Sinclair, J. W. Sinclair, F. A. Hathorn, L. B. Thompson, Mrs. Florence McNeece and Miss Dixie Allen.

Hathorn—J. W. Stamps, J. A. Davis, B. C. Jones and S. V. Tolar.

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Hebron—A. H. Dale, J. D. Dampier, E. H. Walker, S. B. Bishop, H. C. Love, Mrs. S. B. Bishop and C. B. Dampier.

Hepzibah—J. E. Barnes, T. I. Sprights, J. M. Brouton, J. E. Chance, A. W. Tolar and P. W. Daniel.

Prentiss—Mrs. J. S. Dale, T. L. Jones, R. E. Dale, Rank Blackman, C. E. Thompson and G. L. Martin.

Phalti—L. J. Parish, F. R. Polk, A. C. Booth and R. E. Magee.

Oak Grove—Wayne Magee, J. H. Fortenberry and Lucille Boze man.

Society Hill—Knox Polk, Fleet Parkman, W. C. Williamson and Mrs. Sarah Williamson.

Terry's Chapel—H. L. McPhail, C. R. Raynes, and Mrs. Mary J. Robbins.

Victory—J. P. Deen, Wyley Warren, Sam Salters and Ed Bullock.

Writesand—E. J. Lee, L. A. Miller, S. S. Polk and Lee Mullins

On motion the rules of electing officers by ballot was suspended, and the following officers were elected by acclamation: A. H. Dale, Moderator; J. M. Fortenberry, Treasurer and L. C. Burkett, Clerk.

On motion a regular order of business was adopted as follows:

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ORDER OF BUSINESS JEFFERSON DAVIS COUNTY
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- 10:00 Association called to order. Devotional
Calling for letters and seating messengers and organization.
11:00 Associational Sermon by B. E. Philips.
General announcements.
Adjourn for dinner.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:15 Association called to order. Prayer.
Petitioner letters. Correspondence, received and arranged.
Appointment of committees.
2:00 Reading of reports as follows:
Christian Education by G. L. Martin.
Ministerial Education by W. J. Burkett.
Ministerial Relief and Annuity by Knox Polk.
General discussion.
3:15 Miscellaneous business and announcements.
Adjournment.

SATURDAY MORNING

9:00 Association called to order. Devotional.
W. M. U., Mrs. Jas. B. Quinn.
Stewardship by J. O. Buckley.
Religious Literature by J. P. Dear.
Layman's Work by C. V. Sutton.

10:30 Missions.
State and Home by B. E. Philips.
Foreign by J. B. Quinn.
General discussion.
Miscellaneous business and announcements.
Adjourn for dinner.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

1:15 Association called to order. Prayer.
Orphanage by W. C. Hutchins.
Hospitals by Charlie Magee.
Social Evils by Edgar Lee.
General discussion.
3:30 Miscellaneous business and announcements.
Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING

10:00 Reading of reports on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. by Larkin Thompson.
General discussion including a Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. mass meeting.

11:00 Preaching.
Adjourn for dinner.

1:30 Preaching.
Messengers from other Associations were called. Brother H. C. Mize from Lawrence County Association was recognized. The Association received Brother J. J. Moore as representing the Baptist Record and the Baptist Book Store at Jackson.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. There was none.

ON MOTION—Resolved that any member of this Association who is in good standing with his church, is authorized to represent this Association in any of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

The Moderator called for those who were to write reports. The

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report on hospitals was not handed in. Brother J. H. Fortenberry was asked to report on our hospitals.

Further business of the Association was suspended and Brother B. E. Phillips preached the Associational Sermon, using as a text, Hebrew, tenth (10th) Chapter, eleventh (11th) and twelfth (12th) verses, also Corininthians, fifteenth (15th) Chapter, twenty-fifth (25th) verse. His subject being "The Triumphant Reign of Jesus."

Prayer by J. H. Fortenberry.

General announcements.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 1:15 o'clock, p. m.

Benediction by Brother J. B. Quinn.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotional song service. Prayer by Brother B. E. Phillips.

Association was then called to order ready for the transaction of business.

G. L. Martin read the report on Christian Education. L. C. Burkett read the report on Ministerial Education. Knox Polk read the report on Annuities. These reports were discussed in a group by Brethren G. L. Martin, L. C. Burkett, J. O. Buckley, H. C. Stringer and J. B. Quinn. On motion these reports were adopted as follows:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Baptist Colleges are our greatest denominational assets and we should give them hearty support.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

This is perhaps the oldest living college in the South. It will celebrate its centennial next year, and, like the sturdy oak, it grows more vigorous as the years go by. The total enrollment during the year was 677. The campus contains 40 acres, including an athletic field and a large artificial lake. A new building is now going up on the campus, being erected by the alumni and former students, at a cost of \$100,000.00. There are twenty-one members of the faculty, six of whom hold Ph. D. degrees. Mississippi College ranks A-1 as a college.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE

The enrollment has run around 500 last year. The college led all Baptist colleges of the South last year in awards in Sunday School and Bible work. There were nearly 900 awards. This is the fourth year the college has made this record. There are 30 members of the

faculty. The head of each department holds a M. A. degree or equivalent post-graduate work. An endowment campaign is now being carried on to raise half million dollars by November 1st to become an A-1 college. This school is doing a great work in our denomination, especially in south Mississippi.

CLARKE MEMORIAL COLLEGE

Clarke College is a co-educational Junior college, owned and controlled by the Baptists of Mississippi. It has just completed an administration building costing \$50,000.00. The campus contains over 100 acres. The work done at this school for two college years is given full credit. It is doing a splendid work in reaching boys and girls who otherwise would never go to college.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

For years this college has had a leading place in the educational life of the State and South as well. Its entrance requirements are the same as A-1 colleges, but it lacks some yet in endowment in meeting certain requirements for standardization. This endowment deficiency will be made up by November 1st and the college will be fully accredited. This college was established by Gen. M. P. Lowry and has been presided over by a member of that family since its organization. It has had an unusually long and useful history in serving the educational needs of the State and South.

Respectfully submitted.

G. L. Martin

A SUGGESTED FORM OF REPORT ON THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD FOR DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The report of the Relief and Annuity Board for the last Convention year closed May 1st, 1925, was one of the fairly good years in the Board's history, notwithstanding the great financial depression and shortage of receipts.

The relief beneficiaries received during the year \$127,021.35; the beneficiaries of the Annuity Fund received \$10,103.58, making a total sum of \$137,124.93, which is more than the Board has paid out in benefits in any one year.

The Board repeated itself last December in sending out Christ-

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mas checks to beneficiaries, the amounts ranging from \$5.00 to \$10.00 each, according to the circumstances. The Board hopes to make this an annual habit.

The Board is now carrying on its roll 1086 beneficiaries; 600 aged ministers, 386 widows and about 100 orphan children.

The Board is also rendering aid to states which are wholly unable to provide for their retired preachers. It is spending thousands of dollars annually in this specific kind of aid. There was but little hope for a large class of dependent preachers until the Relief and Annuity Board was organized. The total amount donated to these states within the period of five years during the 75-Million Campaign was \$53,838.72.

The great, immediate, and all but desperate need of this Board is a fund that will yield for general relief alone \$100,000.00 per year. In addition to what the Board would get from the regular budget. This statement has been made over and over again through our denominational press for the past two years. It is the one outstanding, glaring need of our Board, and should not be difficult of attainment. We must continue to press this particular need. The Board can never begin to do the adequate thing until this fund is obtained. If some of our rich people could only see their way to make some large gifts to this Board, or to remember us in their wills.

Every minister, of course, knows that sooner or later, if he lives, he will have to retire to private life. It is sweet and assuring to know that when the time comes he can do so without being the humiliated object of charity; that he can still hold up his head and walk with self-respect among his brethren of the calling, because there has been provided by the gratitude and thoughtfulness and generosity of the people he served, at least a small competence to supplement his own meager means, so that in the latter days of his earthly life he will not have to eke out a bare existence. Now, what we are trying to do is to bring just such a situation into our Southern Baptist ministry. The new plan, when once in operation, will absolutely do that.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Knox Polk.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Your committee begs to submit the following report:

This is an age of the greatest progressiveness the world has ever known. When we look at statistics even in our own state, we see the number of high school graduates bounding from 1200 in the year 1920 to over 5000 in the year 1925. We may at once ask ourselves, how many of these are preparing for ministers of God? and what are we doing as a body of his children in the way of helping those who might be striving to get an education, so that they might become great ministers of God.

Since a great many of our people are on fire for an education, does it stand to reason that an uneducated doctor, lawyer or a person of any other profession will stand any chance to ever earn an honest living by the side of those graduates?

Of all the people who are educated, I for one know that our preachers should be the most highly educated persons we have. He has to converse with a much larger number of all classes of people than do persons of other professions. Imagine the embarrassment the discouragement that might be brought upon him when he needed a greater vocabulary, when he needed a more polished flow of English, when he would be able to quote Scripture more accurately.

Then when we think of Jesus, the greatest personage that we have ever known or ever will know, and how for thirty years he strove and toiled for the preparation of his life's work, remembering too, that he was the wisest of the wise. Friends, our souls ought to be stirred and our hearts ought to be made to ache when we think of the little attention that this phase of our denomination is getting.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Burkett.

Announcements by Brother B. E. Phillips, on motion, adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Saturday morning.

Closing prayer by J. P. Deer.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION

After devotional song service L. C. Burkett led in prayer.

The association was then called to order for the transaction of business. Minutes of Friday's session were read, corrected and adopted.

The Moderator then called for the report on Stewardship, Woman's Work and Religious Literature. These reports were read by brethren J. O. Buckley, L. C. Burkett and J. B. Quinn. These reports were discussed by J. O. Buckley, and pending the adoption of these reports, On motion unlimited time was given for their discussion. These reports were further spoken to by J. B. Quinn, L. C. Burkett and J. J. Moore.

On motion they were adopted as follows:

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship as taught in God's word is a subject that cannot be disposed of by any method or system that confines itself to the giving of money alone. In the 16th Chapter of Luke, Jesus said: "There was a certain steward and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods, and he called him and said unto him, 'How is it that I hear this of thee? Give an account of thy stewardship for thou mayest be no longer a steward.'"

Titus first Chapter and seventh (7th) verse says: "For a bishop must be blameless as the steward of God." First (1st) Corinthians, fourth (4th) verse: "Let a man so account of us, as the ministers of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." First (1st) Pet. fourth to tenth (4-10) verse: "As every man hath received the gift even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

From these Scriptures, we see that Stewardship carries with it the idea of having entrusted to us the possession and management of affairs not our own. There must be a recognition of the fact that Stewardship involves the administration of a trustship. A Steward then is a trustee to whom something is given, which must be administered according to the will of the owner, if he shall meet his approval.

In dealing with Christian Stewardship, we need to recognize God's ownership. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, world and they that dwell therein. In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." He not only created but owns the material universe but we are the creatures of his hands. It is He that

hath made us and not we ourselves in the image of God created He us. His right of ownership by redemption. Isaiah, Forty-third (43) Chapter and Eleventh (11) verse. "I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name. thou art mine." 1 Corrinthians, 6-19. "Ye are not your own for ye are bought with a price." 1 Pet. 1-18 "Ye are not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Christ."

As Stewards we need to recognize His Lordship in our lives, and his right to bestow his gifts upon us, and to expect us to be faithful in the discharge of every duty laid upon us as His Stewards. We shall remember that Stewardship means the employment of all our time, powers, possibilities, opportunities and whatever he may bestow upon us, are to be used for Him and His glory.

Just before Jesus went away he said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and now I am with you always even unto the end of the world." How shall we expect him to say well done unless we be found faithful?

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. Buckley.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK

The Woman's Missionary Union of Jeff. Davis County held its annual meeting with the Ebenezer Baptist church August 20th to 21st, 1925.

There were twelve (12) societies out of fifteen (15) in the County that reported. The reports show that we have fifteen societies in the County with about three hundred and fifty (350) members. Six Auxiliaries, three Sunbeam bands, two G. A. and one R. A. band, these Auxiliaries gave last year \$113.72 to missions, etc.

Our women were loyal to the 75,000,000 Campaign and have paid their pledges and are paying nicely to the 1925 program.

There are among our women about 40 subscribers to the Baptist Record, about 12 to the World's Comrades and about 10 to the Royal Service. There are 5 Mission study classes and 2 Bible study

classes. The report from August 1924 to August 1925 shows that our women have paid to the different objects as follows:

75,000,000 Campaign Fund.....	\$413.30
1925 Program	292.90
Pastor's Salary	749.70
Visiting Ministers	249.70
Missions	106.15
Home Uses	451.58
Scholarship Fund	3.00
Ministerial Students	39.16
Hospitals	6.00
Orphanage	19.25
Special Objects	17.30
Personal Service	135.55
Mountain Schools	62.50
Seminary	35.00
Lottie Moon Offering	2.45
Literature	7.40

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. B. Quin

REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS OR RELIGIOUS LITERATURE

When we speak of Religious Literature in a general way the thought carries with it the idea of publications of every description which has to do with the advancement of our Master's Cause; our church work and all the auxiliaries of the Church.

To secure the best results it is important that we have the best literature suited to the work of each department, the Sunday School, the Women's Work, the B. Y. P. U. and so on, and then the best publication suited to all the Work as a whole.

For Mississippi Baptist we have the Baptist Record, our Denominational paper, and owned by the Baptist of Mississippi. The Record comes to us once a week, sixteen pages brim full of the very best. But in presenting this report we now come to the sad and lamentable feature of the whole matter. Our information is that there are forty thousand Baptist families in Mississippi and only ten thousand subscribers for the Record, leaving thirty thousand or more families without the paper.

When we consider that the Record is the greatest agency for the enlightenment of our folks along all lines of religious work, and information in regard to every cause fostered by our denomination we are confronted with the question—Why is it there is not more of our membership taking the Record? We do not know just why this is unless it is because of our indifference. To remedy this alarming condition we most earnestly urge that the Churches assist in increasing the subscription list of the Record.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. Dear

The report on Home and State Missions was read by B. E. Phillips. The report on Foreign Missions was read by J. B. Quinn. These reports were grouped and discussed by B. E. Phillips, J. B. Quinn, J. P. Williams and T. J. Moore. On motion they were adopted as follows:

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSION

The question of missions is always to be with us and we should rejoice because of this fact. Our Lord Jesus Christ is its author, love is its motive, and the evangelism of this world is its goal. For our convenience in this great work we have divided it into State, Home, and Foreign Mission. This report has to do with two of these, State and Home Mission.

Our own state is the bounds of our state mission work. This year we are helping one hundred and eighteen churches pay pastor's salary. We have five Sunday School workers employed, two B. Y. P. U. workers, one evangelist and one gospel singer, one Stewardship man, one field worker for the Baptist Record and three W. M. U. workers. We are gratified with the results of these workers. The convention Board authorized Dr. Gunter to put on a campaign during the month of October for State Mission if in his judgement it was necessary. This necessity is now a settled fact and we urge our churches to make a liberal offering to this important work.

The territory of the Southern Baptist Convention is the bounds of our Home Mission work. This work is complimentary to our State Mission work and has the following departments of service: Evangelistic work; co-operative mission work with the state's; Building and Loan Fund; Mountain schools and two hospitals. The Lord has very

greatly blessed our efforts in this phase of His kingdom work. A great burden is on the Home Mission Board because of a large debt it has had to make. Our people need to realize this very serious condition and set ourselves to the task of removing this debt.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. Phillips.

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REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Southern Baptists have for 80 years been doing foreign mission work. This have they done in obedience to the great commission received from the Lord Jesus Christ the great head of the church—their only authority for missionary endeavor.

Our Lord has very greatly honored Southern Baptists. During the first 26 years—from 1845 to 1871 of their work, they occupied 3 fields, had 28 missionaries, 15 churches with 755 members, and gave to foreign missions \$628,201.64.

During the last ten years—from 1914 to 1924—they have come to occupy 18 fields, have 544 missionaries, 1,095 churches with 118,872 members and have given \$16,149,994.64 to foreign missions. These figures show how wonderfully God has smiled upon Southern Baptists.

The Board received last year, \$1,405,265.88, and baptised 12,134 received by letter 3,429, by restoration 950, making a total of 16,513 additions. We now have 539 foreign missionaries, 1,866 native helpers. We have also, 1,573 Sunday Schools with 84,510 scholars, 461 Woman's Missionary Societies with 7,906 members, and 510 B. Y. P. U.'s with 7,892 members. As a whole our foreign mission work is growing.

Fine reports are coming up from every field and the great cry is for more help, more missionaries and better equipment. Oh, how inadequate our forces are. "We are touching but the hem of the garment" as it were. It makes us sad to have to speak of the embarrassment of the Board. The great debt now hanging over our Board on account of the failure of our Baptist people to properly support our foreign mission work. The Board reported to the last Southern Baptist convention a debt of \$125,000. This came not thru extravagance on the part of the Board. In fact the Board has been cutting down expenses by cutting its appropriations severely for the last three years, and, is now holding back more than a hundred young people whom God has called.

and who are ready to go to the front, and the Board has denied additional equipment to our Missionaries for more than two years.

This debt grew out of the failure of our people to give adequately. What is the remedy for this distressing situation? The remedy is for churches to put on in a great way our 1925-26 program. Let the churches make an every member canvass for local and denominational support. Therefore, we recommend that the Association accept as its goal for next year, 1926, the quota suggested by the Convention Board which is \$9,800.00.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. Quin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On motion adjourned to meet at 1:15 o'clock. Prayer by J. P. Williams.

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SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

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After singing some songs of praise, J. O. Buckley led in prayer.

The report on nominations was read, pending the adoption of this report. On motion Thursday in report be struck out and Friday inserted. On motion adopted as follows:

We, your committee on nomination beg to leave the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Association holds its next meeting with the Prentiss Baptist church on Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September 1926, at 10 A. M.

2. We recommend that Rev. A. S. Johnson, Mt. Olive, Mississippi preach the Associational sermon with Rev. J. T. Dale, alternate.

3. We recommend as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention Rev. Isom Bethea of New Hebron, Miss., L. C. Burkett of Bassfield, Miss., alternate.

4. We recommend Rev. J. B. Quin of Prentiss, Miss., as the member of the State Convention from this Association.

5. We recommend that following named brethren serve as chairman to prepare reports for the following committees.

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Christian Education	Isom, Bethea
Ministerial Education	Solon Walker
Ministerial Relief Annuity	Rev. J. O. Buckley
Woman's Work	Mrs. W. D. Turnage
Religious Literature	G. L. Martin
Layman's Work	B. G. Walden
Mission, State, Home and Foreign	J. B. Quin
Orphanage	J. P. Dear
Hospitals	B. E. Phillips
Social Evils	Jno. S. Dale
Church Discipline	C. E. Thompson
S. S. and B. Y. P. U.	Miss Mary Izard
Stewardship	C. V. Sutton

6. We recommend that the following named brethren representing the following churches serve as our executive for 1926.

Antioch	W. J. Barnes
Bassfield	J. P. Deer
Carson	J. C. Coon
Bethany	J. J. Chance
Dublin	B. L. Dyess
Ebenezer	S. T. Hood
Hebron	W. C. Hutchins
Hepzibah	W. L. Daniel
Prentiss	A. R. Blackman
Phalti	W. D. Griffith
Society Hill	Fleet Parkman
Terry's Chapel	H. L. McPhail
Whitesand	Webb Bass
Victory	J. C. Warren
Oakgrove	J. A. Bozeman
Hathorn	Ollie Toler

7. We recommend that the moderator be authorized to apportion and make known to the respective churches their pro rata of the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

I. F. Dale,
W. H. Izard
J. D. Dampeer

The report on the Orphanage was read by L. C. Burkett. The report on Hospitals was read by H. L. Fortenberry.

These reports were grouped and discussed by L. C. Burkett, J. B. Quinn, T. J. Moore, H. L. Fortenberry and B. E. Phillips. On motion they were adopted as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE

Our Baptist Orphanage located at Jackson, Miss., is meeting a great need in our state in caring for dependent and helpless children. For more than 25 years the Orphanage has been taking care of, educating and training dependent, neglected and helpless children, many of whom are the children of broken down mothers, and indigent, and afflicted fathers.

Our Orphanage has done a splendid work for more than 11 hundred of these helpless children making it possible for them to escape much suffering that would necessarily have followed; developing the children under the wise management of the Superintendent, and helpers into good citizens, and independent bread winners; and have saved many homes from ultimate ruin by taking the children of helpless and afflicted parents for such a time as was necessary for these parents to regain their health, and get on their feet and re-establish their homes and go on in the normal way.

We feel that our Orphanage work is worthy as a Christian institution, and should elicit our interest, our prayers and our financial support. It is supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and our employees there are dependent on the Baptists of Miss., for such money necessary for the up-keep of the home, for the feeding, clothing, and schooling on an average of 175 children each year.

We would recommend that the people of our association continue their donations of money, clothing for boys and girls, groceries of all kinds, pencils, tablets, soap, bed linen, hose, shoes, plenty of syrup and anything that can be used in the ordinary home, for children.

We would also suggest that our people watch out for the free cars and take advantage of them in sending in their box donations, together with all kinds of farm produce.

We learn from the management that the general health of the children has been good, and that the children are taking commendable interest in their mental, and religious training.

We commend our Orphanage to our people, and ask that we pray that the guiding and protecting hand of our Father be over the children and the management.

Committee
W. C. Hutchins.

HOSPITALS

We as a Baptist people think of a Hospital as being a place where the sick body is administered to or where medical aid is needed. To my mind that is the small side of our Hospital work. The real work of our Baptist Hospitals is for medical treatment of the soul. That medical skill and treatment coming direct from the throne of God through a medium of religiously trained servants.

Now we admit that persons need treatment many times for their fleshy bodies, but when these special trained doctors and nurses are administering to the needs of the body, how easy, how grand, how honorable it would be for them to administer to the needs of the soul; and too, at a time when such service is most likely to stay with the person.

Then my brethren when you have been healed from any kind of disease; who is the person to whom you are going to appreciate most. It of course is that person who has administered the most good to you, let it be whoever it may.

Our Hospital at Jackson is in debt some now, if we could get our S. S. and B. Y. P. U. and W. M. U. to just furnish some few things such as sheets, pillows and towels and some thing they would hardly miss in their homes, it would add very greatly to our Hospital needs and to those who are sick in body and soul.

Respectfully,

H. L. Fortenberry.

The report on Digest of Letters was read and adopted as follows:

On motion the Association agrees to hold an annual Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Convention instead of the 5th Sunday meetings. The Convention to be held in late Spring or early Summer.

On motion the Moderator is authorized to appoint a Committee to look after and get a program for this Convention.

This committee consists of the following: L. C. Burkett, Mrs. John Dale, Miss Mary Izard, Mrs. Bessie Puckett, Mrs. Jim Dale and Supt. G. L. Martin.

On motion the Clerk is authorized to have 250 copies of the minutes printed, and was further instructed to distribute the minutes to the several churches of the Jefferson Davis County Association.

He is also authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this Association for sufficient funds to pay for these minutes.

On motion, the Association agrees to pay the Clerk \$25.00 for his services to the Association.

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted as follows. We, your committee beg to submit the following:

Amount coming from the different churches of the Association for Associational purposes-----\$ 84.13
Committee,

H. C. Love
J. W. Stamps
S. V. Tolar

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee-----\$ 84.13

J. M. Fortenberry, Treasurer.

The report of Religious Service Committee was read by B. E. Phillips as follows:

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Mass meeting at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Preaching at 11 o'clock by J. O. Buckley and preach in in the afternoon by H. L. Fortenberry.

On motion adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Prayer by J. B. Quinn.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION

Devotional song and praise service. Prayer by H. L. Fortenberry. The Association was called to order by Brother J. O. Buckley, ready for the transaction of business.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read, corrected and adopted. Special prayer was then offered by J. O. Buckley for Bro. J. B. Dale.

The report on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. was read by L. C. Burkett. It was discussed by L. C. Burkett and H. L. Fortenberry. On motion this report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON S. S. AND B. Y. P. U.

These branches of our church work pertain to the teaching and training of our people for the service of the master. Friends, let us remember too that is not just for young people and children. One of the great troubles of our S. S. and B. Y. P. U. is the fact that the

fathers and mothers are not carrying their children to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Brethren, food that is good for your child is also good for you. We have entirely too many orphan children in this county of ours. We mean by this, that the child might just as well be an orphan as for their fathers and mothers to be living and not providing food for their souls. If your child needs five days of 8 hours a day and six to nine months in a year for public school training of the mind in a secular way, how much training does your child need for the welfare of its soul? Or do you catch yourself grumbling sometimes when your pastor preaches a sermon over one-half hour long, or the children stay at S. S. too long. Little boys and girls, big boys and girls, fathers and mothers study how to train yourselves for the service of the master for your good and for God's glory.

Respectfully,

L. C. Burkett.

On motion, resolved: That this Association extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the good people of Hathorn Church and community for the hospitable way in which they have entertained us.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Prentiss Baptist Church, Friday, before the 4th Sunday in September, 1926.

Prayer by J. O. Buckley.

A. H. Dale, Moderator.

L. C. Burkett, Clerk.

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